

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto are three (3) sheets of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

The legend "PRIOR ART" has been added to Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 10-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4 and 9-15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 5-9 and 15-20 were withdrawn with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a further application directed to these claims at a later date.

Drawings

According to the Examiner's suggestion the legend "PRIOR ART" has been added to Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B. Three (3) sheets of corrected formal drawings are attached hereto.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Koh (U.S. Patent 6,242,344). This rejection is traversed. This claim has been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamaguchi (U.S. Patent 6,774,043). This rejection is traversed. These claims have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being anticipated by Koh in view of Nagase (U.S. Patent 6,136,723). This rejection is traversed. These claims have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 10-14. Because these are the only remaining claims, this Application should now be allowed. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

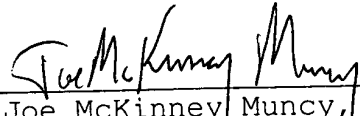
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of
time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s): Three (3) sheets of Drawings